

# ABSTRACT

According to aspects of an embodiment of the invention, a stationery accessory system comprises: a slidable tab; and a sheetlike member including a rail; one of the slidable tab and the rail having a channel defined along a longitudinal aspect thereof, the channel defined by a wall of the rail, and the channel having a longitudinal opening narrower than a width interior to the channel measured parallel to the longitudinal opening; and the other of the slidable tab and the rail having an expanded edge, the expanded edge having a width greater than the longitudinal opening such that the channel and the expanded edge are slidably engageable. In one variation of this embodiment, the rail is integral with the sheetlike member. In another variation the rail is permanently affixed to the sheetlike member. In yet another variation, the rail is removably affixed to the sheetlike material. In variations having an integral rail, the sheetlike member may comprise an extruded polymeric material. In variations, the rail may be a polymeric material co-extruded with the sheetlike member. According to any of these variations, the sheetlike member may comprise a wall of a file folder (e.g. a hanging folder or an inside folder), a notebook divider or an organizer. According to aspects of another embodiment of the invention, a method of making a stationary accessory comprises: extruding a length of sheet material having a rail along one edge thereof; extruding a length of tab material; dividing the length of tab material into individual tabs; and dividing the length of sheet material into individual sheets; wherein one of the tab and the rail have a channel defined along a longitudinal aspect thereof, the channel defined by a wall of the rail, and the channel having a longitudinal opening narrower than a width interior to the channel measured parallel to the longitudinal opening; and the other of the tab and the rail having a beaded edge, the bead having a width greater than the longitudinal opening such that the channel and the expanded edge are slidably engageable. According to a variation of this embodiment, the length of sheet material and the rail can be co-extruded. According to another variation of this embodiment, the method further comprises affixing the rail to the extruded length of sheet material.

Affixing may further comprise permanently attaching the rail or releasably attaching the rail.